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Applicant: Mitsuhiro HIGASHI et al. Conf.: 4222

Appl. No.: 09/555,255 Group: 1621

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For: ORTHOALKYLATION CATALYST FOR PHENOL AND

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ORTHOALKYLATED

PHENOL WITH USE THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 9, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month until December 10, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks.

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